

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A method of ~~trimming~~ coupling a stent to a balloon ~~of a balloon catheter is provided~~ ~~that~~ includes the steps of creating protrusions on the balloon by wrapping a member around the balloon, leaving the member wrapped around the balloon, and removing the member from the balloon. The member is wrapped around the balloon such that spaced-apart loops of the member wrapped around the balloon compress the balloon leaving uncompressed portions of the balloon between the spaced apart loops of the member wrapped around the balloon to form the protrusions on the balloon. The member wrapped around the balloon is left for a predetermined period of time. The member is removed from the balloon after the predetermined period of time. A balloon catheter is also provided that is constructed in accordance with this method.